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4. [] repair and reconstruction work was completed on the Hengyang (N 26-56, E 112-35) airfield. All the underground warehouses and dugouts were reinforced with concrete, and electricity and ventilation systems were installed. The Number 5 Warehouse could hold several planes of the folding-wing type. This work was planned by Soviets and approximately 1,000 laborers worked on the field.
5. After the completion of the runway at Hengyang airfield, which was extended to 3,280 feet in length and 160 feet in width, three to six planes were in use at the field constantly. It was rumored that [] this airfield would be a stop-over point on air-mail flights to Canton, Kweilin, and Kweiyang.
6. [] the guard unit at the Hengyang airfield was called an air force guard battalion (ta tui), but it was only of company strength. The men were equipped with automatic weapons and wore red arm bands with a red airplane design and the white character "Heng" (5899) in the middle of the band. The area about the airfield was restricted. Roads leading to the airfields had been widened and were in good condition.
7. [] enlargement of the Hungjao airfield, Shanghai, was completed. This airfield was under direct Soviet supervision and control. All jet aircraft in this area were based at Hungjao and were flown by Soviet pilots. The Lunghua airfield, Shanghai, was used only by commercial planes. The Kiangwan airfield was used by both commercial and military aircraft.

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